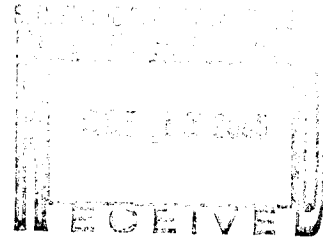


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October 12, 2005




The Honorable Charles L.A. Terreni
Chief Clerk
South Carolina Public Service Commission
Post Office Drawer 11649
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE: Epicus, Inc. and Epicus Communications Group, Inc. for Authority to Complete an Assignment of Assets and to Grant Authority to Epicus Communications Group, Inc. to provide Local Exchange and Interexchange services, for Alternative Regulation First Granted in Docket No. 95-661-C and for Flexible Regulation First Granted in Docket No. 97-467-C
Docket No. 2005-264-C, Our File No. 1075-10325

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Enclosed for filing are two Affidavits of Publication for the Notice of Filing in the above-referenced proceeding.

 Please acknowledge your receipt of this document by file-stamping the copy of this letter enclosed, and returning via the United States Postal Service in the envelope provided.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

ELLIS, LAWHORNE & SIMS, P.A.

Carol Roof

Paralegal to John F. Beach and John J. Pringle, Jr.

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cc: Alvin S. Goldstein, Esquire
Joseph Dubinski, Esquire
Brian Devling, Esquire

Enclosures

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**Ellis, Lawhorne
& Sims, PA**

I, Susan F. Mullinax, being the legal advertising agent for *The Greenville News*, do hereby testify that the attached legal advertisement was published on 170 lines in *The Greenville News* on 10-1, 2005.

Susan Mullins

Susan F. Mullinax
Legal Advertising Representative

Shirley M. Sullivan

Jeanne M. Gullic
Notary Public for State of South Carolina
My Commission Expires April 4, 2013

January 3, 2005, before Hearing Examiner David Butler, require in the Commission's file at Columbia, South Carolina 29201. PLEASE BE ADVISED that pursuant to South Carolina Code Laws Section 58-280, as amended, the Commission will have the 120-day period of review for consideration of this matter.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a party of record with the right to cross-examination should file a Petition for Review in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before October 3, 2003 and indicate the amount of time required for his present time. Please include an email address for receipt of correspondence. In the petition, please refer to Docket No. 2003-264-C.

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing, if scheduled, should notify the Docketing Department by the Office of Regulation below the Office of Regulation Staff at Post Office Box 1126 Columbia, South Carolina 29201 and John J. Pringle, Jr., Esq., at the above address, on or before October 3, 2003 and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please refer to Docket No. 2003-264-C.

Any person who wishes to be notified of the hearing, but does not wish to present testimony or submit evidence, should contact the Docketing Department in writing at the address below on or before October 3, 2005. Please refer to Docket No. 2003-264-C.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: Any person who wishes to have this part of the official record of the proceeding MUST present such comments, in person, to the Commission during the hearing about the Commission's Proceedings seeking information from the Commission at (803) 896-5100. Public Service Commission of South Carolina
Post Office Drawer 11649
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

A copy of the Application is on file in the offices of the Commission, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. The Commission's web site at www.psc.sc.gov, and is available from John J. Pringle, Jr., Esquire, Ellis, Laworne and Sims, P.A., Post Office Box 22895, Columbia, SC 29202. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing on the above matter has been scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 2, 2006.

**NOTICE OF
FILING AND
HEARING**

DOCKET NO. 2005-264-C
Epicus, Incorporated
("Epicus") and Epicus
Communications Group,
Incorporated ("ECG")
(together the Applicants)
have filed with the Public
Service Commission of
South Carolina (the
Commission) a Joint
Petition pursuant to S.C.
Code Ann. §§ 58-9-280
and 58-9-310, requesting
that the Commission
transfer Epicus's authority
and control to provide
resold local and long distance
telecommunication
services ("Authorized
Service") to ECG in connection
with a Chapter
11 Bankruptcy reorganization
plan. The Applicants request that the
Commission allow Epicus' existing certificate of
public communications and
necessity to be transferred to ECG or alternatively,
that the Commission grant ECG certification
to provide local exchange and inter-exchange
services in South Carolina. Further, the
Applicants request that ECG be regulated
subject to alternative regulation as was first
granted by the Commission in Order Nos. 95-1734
and 96-55 in Docket No. 95-661-C, and flexible
regulation as first granted in Order No. 98-165
issued in Docket No. 97-847-C. According to the
Application, after the effective date of the Plan,
ECG will provide the same telecommunication
services to Epicus's former customers because
Epicus will no longer offer telecommunication
services in South Carolina. Thus, in addition to
requesting approval of the transfer of Epicus's
Authorized Service to ECG, Applicants also
request approval of the discontinuation of
Epicus's telecommunication services in South
Carolina, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-300
as the effective date of the Plan. The Application
reveals that the Plan is not expected to result
in any loss or impairment of service to any
customers. Customers, according to the Application,
will continue to receive their existing
telecommunication services at the same rates,
terms, and conditions and any future changes
in rates, terms or conditions of service will be
made consistent with Commission's requirements.
The only change will be in the corporate
structure of the customers' service provider.
Thus, the Applicants opine, the reorganization
will be transparent and the service will be
seamless and uninterrupted. A copy of the
Application is on file in the offices of the
Commission, 101 Executive Center Drive,
Columbia, South Carolina 29210, the Commission's
web site at www.psc.sc.gov, and is available from John J. Pringle, Jr., Esquire.

THE STATE-RECORD CO., INC.

Columbia, South Carolina

publisher of

The State

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF RICHLAND

Personally appeared before me, Peggy Lawrence, Advertising Sales Support
Manager of THE STATE, and makes oath that the advertisement,

Notice of Filing and Hearing – Docket 2005-264-C – Epicus Inc.

was inserted in THE STATE, a daily newspaper of general circulation published
in the City of Columbia, State and County aforesaid, in the issues of

October 1, 2005

Peggy Lawrence

Subscribed and sworn to before me

on this day October 5, 2005

Evelyn F. Harman

Notary Public

My commission expires
March 10, 2013

"Errors- the liability of the publisher on account of errors in
or omissions from any advertisement will in no way exceed
the amount of the charge for the space occupied by the item,
error, and then only for the first incorrect insertion."

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE
that a hearing on the
above matter has been
scheduled to begin at
10:30 a.m. on Thursday,
December 8, 2005,
before Hearing Examiner
David Butler, Esquire in
the Commission's Meeting
Room at 101 Executive
Center Drive, Saluda
Building, Columbia,
South Carolina 29210.
PLEASE BE ADVISED
that pursuant to South
Carolina Code of Laws –
Section 58-9-280, as
amended, the Commission
will invoke the 120-
day period allowed for
consideration of this matter.

Any person who wishes
to participate in this matter,
as a party of record
with the right of cross-
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Petition to Intervene in
accordance with the
Commission's Rules of
Practice and Procedure
on or before October 31,
2005 and indicate the
amount of time required
for his presentation.
Please include an email
address for receipt of
future Commission correspondence
in the Petition to Intervene.
Please refer to Docket No. 2005-264-C.

Any person who wishes
to testify and present evidence
at the hearing, if
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the Docketing Department
in writing at the address
below, the Office of
Regulatory Staff at
Post Office Box 11263,
Columbia, South Carolina
29211, and John J. Pringle,
Jr., Esquire, at the above
address, on or before October
31, 2005 and indicate the
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MUST present such comments,
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Persons seeking information
about the Commission's
Procedures should contact the
Commission at (803) 896-5100.
Public Service Commission
of South Carolina

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